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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

G. R. Ewoldt, Ph.D.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,8,10,12,13 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 4,8,10,12,13 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed 5/03/06 in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's amendments and remarks have been entered.

2. Claims 13 stands withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species.

Claims 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 15 are being acted upon.

3. In view of Applicant's amendments, priority to U.S. Application No. 08/439,409, now U.S. Patent No. 6,103,235, is granted. Accordingly, the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) have been withdrawn. Additionally, the previous rejections under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 for inadequate written description regarding the introduction of new matter into the claims have also been withdrawn. Note that part A) of the previous rejection was for the recitation of the use of an immunotoxin construct comprising a diphtheria toxin binding mutant, not a divalent anti-CD3 portion. Support for a diphtheria toxin binding mutant has been found at page 18 of the specification.

4. The following are new grounds for rejection.

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as the specification does not contain a written description of the claimed invention, in that the disclosure does not reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s) had possession of the claimed

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invention at the time the application was filed. This is a new matter rejection.

The specification and the claims as originally filed do not provide support for the invention as now claimed, specifically:

A method of inhibiting a rejection response of a recipient of a cadaveric donor pancreatic islet transplant or transplanting cadaveric donor pancreatic islet cells to a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a divalent anti-CD3 diphtheria toxin binding site mutant immunotoxin....

As set forth previously, except for the disclosure in the last paragraph at page 8, the specification discloses only a method of pancreatic islet cell transplantation as a treatment for diabetes, not the generic method of transplanting pancreatic islet cells for any reason.

Applicant argues that the support at page 8 of the instant specification is sufficient.

The paragraph supporting the method of the instant claims is as follows:

"The invention further provides a method of inhibiting a rejection response of a recipient of a pancreatic islet transplant by inducing immune tolerance in the recipient, comprising administering an immunotoxin during the peritransplant period, thereby transiently reducing the number of T-cell lymphocytes and promoting long-term survival of the transplant. By "peritransplant-period" is meant the period between 24 hours prior to and 2 weeks after transplantation."

Note that the citation comprises two specific limitations not found in the method of the instant claims. A) administration during the peritransplant period, and B) a generic reduction in the number of T lymphocytes.

7. No claim is allowed.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Gerald Ewoldt whose telephone number is (571) 272-0843. The

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examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841.

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